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Program designed to stop rape, sexual assault and gender violence
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STATESBORO - If you've ever walked by the rotunda on the Georgia Southern University campus, you know that you are likely to see anything from therapy dogs to people sitting in a dunk tank, but on Tuesday afternoon there was a unique sight – Georgia Southern men walking around in bright red high heels.

The Walk a Mile in Her Shoes event is an International Men's March to bring awareness to and prevent rape, sexual assault, and gender violence. The walk is designed to give men a new perspective on and better understand women experiences.

Male student-athletes and coaches from the football, basketball, soccer, and several other teams joined other members of Eagle Nation on the walk around campus to raise awareness for sexual violence.

"Anytime we are able to take the football team and get out and bring awareness to the public, I think it's a big deal," said head football coach [Chad Lunsford](#).

Several athletes expressed that they consider themselves leaders in the community and that by participating in events like the Walk, they hope to influence other students and the surrounding community.

"I feel like as an athlete, we will be heard because people kind of look up to us," said [DeDe Reynolds](#), Georgia Southern basketball player.

The event was part of the [Eagles In Transition](#) Program run by the athletics department. The program is intended to prepare Georgia Southern Student Athletes for the transition from college to the real world by providing them with the necessary life skills to be socially responsible, productive citizens that excel in life, the work place and have a positive impact on their families, and communities.

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